

For Improving English Vocabulary Novels

"The ethics in a world of blood are gray--and an underground strata of blood magicians has been engineering disasters for centuries in order to acquire enough fuel for their spells. They are not good people. Some practitioners, however, use the Words and a swipe of the blade to cast simpler spells, such as Charms and Cantrips to gas up one dollar bills so they appear to be twenty dollar bills. Lem Vonnegan and his sidekick Mags fall into this level of mage, hustlers and con men all. Lem tries to be ethical by using only his own blood, by not using Bleeders or "volunteers." But it makes life hard. Soon they might have to get honest work. When the pair encounters a girl who's been kidnapped and marked up with magic runes for a ritual spell, it's clear they're in over their heads. Turning to Lem's estranged master for help, they are told that not only is the girl's life all but forfeit, but that the world's preeminent mage, Mika Renar, has earth-shattering plans for her-- and Lem just got in the way. With the fate of the world on the line, and Lem both spooked and intrigued by the mysterious girl, the other nominates him to become the huckleberry who'll take down Renar. But even if he, Mags, and the simpletons who follow him prevail, they're dealing with the kind of power that doesn't understand defeat, or mercy."--Amazon.com

This book will help you: -- Learn words from a pre-defined or custom word list. A ranked list of 8500 words for the SAT and GRE exams is included. -- Create spelling and vocabulary quizzes from your word lists. Test your vocabulary with auto-generated questions to learn words and meanings. -- Build your vocabulary with a collection of word games including Hangman, guess the word, unscramble the word, find the missing word in a phrase, and select a word relationship. -- Write essays for automated essay evaluation. Create essays that will be scored on an evaluator like the E-rater from ETS. -- Practice sentence completion with dynamic quizzes customized to your skill level. -- Study grammar with sentence quizzes that test your knowledge of specific grammar rules.

A dictionary of the observable world features definition-first organization; passages from the writings of James, Updike, and others; and words concerning shapes, textures, colors, terrain, and more

This absolutely essential language guide and workbook will expand your English vocabulary in no time. Spilling over with thousands of entries for useful words and phrases, this is the perfect study aid for any adult learning English as a foreign language.?? With 3,000 words across hundreds of pages, English Vocabulary Builder brings you everything you need to know and much, much more. From activities, family, holidays, science, and work to animals, feelings, health, sports, and weather, just about every subject in the English language is covered in eye-catching, illustrative detail. All the vocabulary is shown with both UK and US spellings, and every word can be heard with its own audio recording in the accompanying app available for download.

Additional interactive exercises ensure language learning is an easy, entertaining, and educational experience. ??This book is part of DK's best-selling English for Everyone series, which is suitable for all levels of English language learners and provides the perfect reading companion for study, exams, work, or travel. With audio material available on the accompanying website and Android/iOS apps, there has never been a better time to learn English.

An engineering professor who started out doing poorly in mathematical and technical subjects in school offers tools, tips and techniques to learning the creative and analytical thought processes that will lead to achievement in math and science. Original.

Better Vocabulary in 30 Minutes a Day offers a lively and entertaining method for adding a more impressive list of words to your everyday speech, and for learning how to use them effortlessly and accurately. Besides giving definitions, this invaluable guide provides roots and elements of words so that you can increase your vocabulary base by thousands of exciting, new words and use them in sentences. Sprinkled throughout the book are fascinating stories about words and origins. Even if you can't spare 30 minutes a day to learn to speak and write eloquently, Better Vocabulary in 30 Minutes a Day allows you to custom-design your learning to take as little as five minutes a day. That's a small commitment for the lifelong benefit of speaking and writing better.

There is a distinct hint of Armageddon in the air. According to The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch (recorded, thankfully, in 1655, before she blew up her entire village and all its inhabitants, who had gathered to watch her burn), the world will end on a Saturday. Next Saturday, in fact. So the armies of Good and Evil are amassing, the Four Bikers of the Apocalypse are revving up their mighty hogs and hitting the road, and the world's last two remaining witch-finders are getting ready to fight the good fight, armed with awkwardly antiquated instructions and stick pins. Atlantis is rising, frogs are falling, tempers are flaring. . . . Right. Everything appears to be going according to Divine Plan. Except that a somewhat fussy angel and a fast-living demon -- each of whom has lived among Earth's mortals for many millennia and has grown rather fond of the lifestyle -- are not particularly looking forward to the coming Rapture. If Crowley and Aziraphale are going to stop it from happening, they've got to find and kill the Antichrist (which is a shame, as he's a really nice kid). There's just one glitch: someone seems to have misplaced him. . . . First published in 1990, Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett's brilliantly dark and screamingly funny take on humankind's final judgment is back -- and just in time -- in a new hardcover edition (which includes an introduction by the authors, comments by each about the other, and answers to some still-burning questions about their wildly popular collaborative effort) that the devout and the damned alike will surely cherish until the end of all things.

Living in a "perfect" world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders, but his selection leads him to a mysterious man known as the Giver, who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.

Research shows that learning a second language boosts problem-solving, critical thinking, and listening skills, in addition to improving memory, concentration, and the ability to multitask. Children proficient in other languages also show signs of enhanced creativity and mental flexibility. There is a "critical period" or "window of opportunity" when children learn languages best. Studies have shown that this is when children are between birth and six years old. The younger children are, the easier they will learn a second language. As they get older that ability diminishes. These easy and fun flashcards aim to help parents as a useful educational tool for kids to learn a new language.

A self-help guide to the use of 504 words used regularly by educated people. Includes sentences, articles, exercises and word review sections using the new words.

The murder of a world-famous physicist raises fears that the Illuminati are operating again after centuries of silence, and religion professor Robert Langdon is called in to assist with the case. The book, English Vocabulary Made Easy has been written by Professor Shrikant Prasoan, a well-known and versatile author of many books in English and other languages. The book contains three distinct sections, each containing different types of words that include Countable and Uncountable Nouns, Words in Singular and Plural, Words Commonly Mispronounced, Misspelt, Formation of Words, Compound Formation, Duplication, Conversion, Clippings, Acronyms, Comparisons, Antonyms, Synonyms, Prefixes, Suffixes, etc. The main purpose of the book is to enhance and enrich your English vocabulary by reading, understanding and learning as many words as possible; and also their usage in written and oral communication. This book is different from other vocabulary books, as it deals exhaustively with the words, their usage and also there is a grammar portion included in it which will certainly help the readers, particularly the young ones studying in schools and colleges and the ones opting for competitive exams, like TOEFL, Civil Services, Banking Services, Government Jobs, etc.

Set on the Caribbean coast of South America, this love story brings together Fermina Daza, her distinguished husband, and a man who has secretly loved her for more than fifty years.

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"If a picture is worth a thousand words, a calligram is worth a million. A Word to the Eyes is a revolutionary mnemonic tool used to boost vocabulary development and retention. Enhance your lexicon starting with the visuals within, which serve as an introduction to thousands of associated words and meanings."

The Vocabulary Builder Workbook is the latest approach to learning new vocabulary and boosting your language skills. Building your vocabulary requires more than flashcards. That's why leading test-prep expert, Chris Lele, developed a new method for introducing new words into your vocabulary. With The Vocabulary Builder Workbook you will gain and retain a fundamental understanding of more than 1,400 essential words. Ideal for those taking the SAT, ACT, or GRE--or for those who simply want to improve their writing and speaking skills-- The Vocabulary Builder Workbook makes the task of expanding your vocabulary an opportunity for real learning and growth. The Vocabulary Builder Workbook will make you a better reader, writer, and test-taker through: Fun and Easy Lessons organized by theme to help you identify roots and form associations and recognize thousands of additional vocabulary words Progressive Learning Techniques for all levels with vocabulary lessons that steadily increase in difficulty for continued advancement Retention Focused Activities to make sure you remember every word long after the test is over The Vocabulary Builder Workbook transforms any lackadaisical wordsmith into a sedulous student with refreshingly simple lessons and fun activities to boost your vocabulary.

"Does true love really exist? Can a kiss change your life? At sixteen, Diksha, like any girl her age, finds her life revolving around school, boys and endless hours of fun with her best friend. But one day, all that changes. What starts as an innocent crush explodes into something far beyond her control. Eighteen years later, she finds herself in a dilemma. Urged by a twist of events, a wish list is born. But can a wish list help her piece back her life together? Will she succumb to the tangled mess of an extramarital relationship?"--Page [4] of cover.

Three twentysomething guys who transitioned from collegiate underachieving to corporate bottom feeding sketch out a plan to make a grab for some dignity. They will rob the publishing house that employs their only stable member and insults him on a daily basis. Being the bright, perceptive fellows they are, they all quickly realize it isn't about the money. For Phil "Dub" Dublen, it's a pissed off statement against a dull, meaningless job. For self-styled poet Trim, it's a chance to actually be as outrageous and anarchic as he needs to be. For Trim's roommate Dan, it seems to be something he does for the same reason he does everything: to vent some anger, having nothing to do. By the time their master plan is all said and done, nothing has been solved, nothing is better, and nothing, really, has changed. And in the slightly fractured wisdom of the larcenous trio, this surprises none of them.

THIS BOOK CONTAINS MEANINGS OF MORE THAN 1400 ADVANCED ENGLISH WORDS (including phrasal verbs and idioms). English Words And Meanings, Advance English Words And Their Meanings, Learn English Words For Improving Your English, English Words And Meanings From Letter A To Letter Z Sample This: ("sb" implies somebody, "sth" implies something) abase yourself to accept sb's power over you knuckle under to sb/sth to accept sb/sth else's authority submissive too willing to accept sb else's authority subservient to sth submissive, less important than sth else abashed ashamed and embarrassed bashful shy and easily embarrassed put sb on the spot to make sb feel embarrassed by asking difficult question about turn / volte face complete change of opinion, etc. turn about sudden and complete change in sth abstemious not allowing yourself to have much food or alcohol or enjoyable activities austere without any decorations; (of a person) strict and serious; abstemious ad-lib to give a speech or a performance without preparation or practice improvise to make or do sth using whatever is available, to ad-lib abuse unfair or cruel treatment of sb/sth oppress to treat sb cruelly, to weigh down persecute to treat sb cruelly acclaim to praise sb publicly, praise and approval commendation / plaudits praise and approval accolade praise or award of honour laurels honour and praise given to sb because of sth they have achieved acrid bitter smell or taste acrimony bitter feelings or words adolescent young person who is developing from a child into an adult teens years of a person's life when they are between 13 and 19 years old affected pretended disaffected unsatisfied affront to insult or offend sb take umbrage at sth to feel offended or upset by sth aft in the stern of the ship or aircraft abaft in the stern of a ship stern the back end of a boat or ship agglomeration group of things put together in no particular order conglomeration mixture of different things found all together a la carte food which is selected from the list of dishes and prices

table d' hot plate of food with fixed price agnosia inability to recognize people and things analgesia loss of the ability to feel pain while still conscious apoplexy inability to feel, move because of injury in the brain asphyxia difficulty in breathing which may cause death or unconsciousness dyslexia difficulty in reading and spelling but no effect in intelligence agoraphobia fear of being in the crowd claustrophobia fear of being in a small confined place alimony money, which is given to former husband or wife after the end of the marriage palimony money which is given to former partner after the end of a relationship altercation noisy argument or disagreement argy-bargy noisy disagreement alumna former woman student alumnus former male student amble / saunter / stroll to walk in a slow relaxed way ramble to walk for pleasure

A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK "An intense psychological drama that will be embraced by serious book clubs and fans of Lionel Shriver's *We Need to Talk about Kevin*." —Kristin Hannah, #1 New York Times bestselling author "A poetic, propulsive read that set my nerves jangling." —Lisa Jewell, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Then She Was Gone* A tense, page-turning psychological drama about the making and breaking of a family—and a woman whose experience of motherhood is nothing at all what she hoped for—and everything she feared Blythe Connor is determined that she will be the warm, comforting mother to her new baby Violet that she herself never had. But in the thick of motherhood's exhausting early days, Blythe becomes convinced that something is wrong with her daughter—she doesn't behave like most children do. Or is it all in Blythe's head? Her husband, Fox, says she's imagining things. The more Fox dismisses her fears, the more Blythe begins to question her own sanity, and the more we begin to question what Blythe is telling us about her life as well. Then their son Sam is born—and with him, Blythe has the blissful connection she'd always imagined with her child. Even Violet seems to love her little brother. But when life as they know it is changed in an instant, the devastating fall-out forces Blythe to face the truth. *The Push* is a tour de force you will read in a sitting, an utterly immersive novel that will challenge everything you think you know about motherhood, about what we owe our children, and what it feels like when women are not believed.

Have you ever been frustrated by your boss constantly making changes to your documents? Annoyed at the time it takes to write something? Sick of sending emails that don't get read? Been asked to write a report and don't know where to start? Are people just not getting your message? Then this guide is for you! In this 90 page guide you will find practical and proven techniques to write clearly, concisely and quickly. Each section of the guide covers key points for writing well at work, including: the importance of identifying your audience, and then how to write for it using Plain English to get your message across how to structure your document the seven secrets to good email how to write sharp, accurate letters and memos how to use the simple tool of the mind map to improve your writing what to consider when you have been asked to write a report the key points of a resume, a cover letter and the job application getting on top of punctuation, spelling and confusing words Good workplace writing is about getting a positive answer to the question: Will your reader understand what you want them to know or do? This guide will give you the skills to get that positive answer-quickly and well.

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of *The House of the Spirits*, this epic novel spanning decades and crossing continents follows two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home. "One of the most richly imagined portrayals of the Spanish Civil War to date, and one of the strongest and most affecting works in [Isabel Allende's] long career."—The New York Times Book Review NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *Esquire* • *Good Housekeeping* • *Parade* In the late 1930s, civil war grips Spain. When General Franco and his Fascists succeed in overthrowing the government, hundreds of thousands are forced to flee in a treacherous journey over the mountains to the French border. Among them is Roser, a pregnant young widow, who finds her life intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau, an army doctor and the brother of her deceased love. In order to survive, the two must unite in a marriage neither of them desires. Together with two thousand other refugees, Roser and Victor embark on the SS *Winnipeg*, a ship chartered by the poet Pablo Neruda, to Chile: "the long petal of sea and wine and snow." As unlikely partners, the couple embraces exile as the rest of Europe erupts in world war. Starting over on a new continent, they face trial after trial, but they will also find joy as they patiently await the day when they might go home. Through it all, their hope of returning to Spain keeps them going. Destined to witness the battle between freedom and repression as it plays out across the world, Roser and Victor will find that home might have been closer than they thought all along. A masterful work of historical fiction about hope, exile, and belonging, *A Long Petal of the Sea* shows Isabel Allende at the height of her powers. Praise for *A Long Petal of the Sea* "Both an intimate look at the relationship between one man and one woman and an epic story of love, war, family, and the search for home, this gorgeous novel, like all the best novels, transports the reader to another time and place, and also sheds light on the way we live now."—J. Courtney Sullivan, author of *Saints for All Occasions* "This is a novel not just for those of us who have been Allende fans for decades, but also for those who are brand-new to her work: What a joy it must be to come upon Allende for the first time. She knows that all stories are love stories, and the greatest love stories are told by time."—Colum McCann, National Book Award-winning author of *Let the Great World Spin*

Are you looking for a natural way to learn English? Click the read more button to find out how. You will learn English through stories, like native English speakers do. This book is for English language learners who are interested in learning English grammar and learning English vocabulary in a natural and interesting way. Each story has specially placed English grammar and English vocabulary to help you improve your English. Each of the 16 stories in this book is written in 3 different difficulty levels: Basic English, Intermediate English, and Advanced English. As students progress from level to level, they can see how English grammar and vocabulary are actually used. A set of study questions at the end of each story allows students to monitor their progress. If you're looking for a book to help you with English learning, this book is for you. This English language book is perfect for ESL (English as a second language) learners to help you improve your English grammar and English vocabulary. Learners of any English level and ESL students can benefit from this fun and interesting English learning book. Learn by using the secret method ALL native English speakers use. ? You can improve your reading skills. ? You can

improve your English vocabulary skills. ? You can improve your English grammar skills. You will use the same language acquisition through progression method that ALL native English speakers use. You will progress through relatively easy stories to more difficult stories. Along the way you will be introduced to and acquire more and more vocabulary words. The stories range from beginner English level to Advanced (native) English level. The learn English through stories in this book are: Contents The Boy Who Cried Wolf The Sour Grapes The Wolf or the Eagle The Dog and His Reflection The Chicken and the Fox The Porcupine and the Snakes The Wolf and the Crane The Tortoise and the Hare The Goose that Laid Golden Eggs The Fox and the Goat The Lion and the Mouse The Crow and the Pitcher The Tortoise and the Ducks The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse The Leap at Paris Belling the Cat By studying this English learning book you will be able to study English grammar in use and English vocabulary to help build better fluency in English. You can learn English with this book even if you have been unsuccessful in the past. So, go ahead scroll up and put this book in your shopping cart.?

Since its beginnings as a series of stories told to Kenneth Grahame's young son, *The Wind in the Willows* has gone on to become one of the best-loved children's books of all time. The timeless story of Toad, Rat, Mole, and Badger has delighted readers of all ages for more than eighty years. Friendly Rat, mild-mannered Mole, wise Badger, and kind—but conceited—Toad all live on the banks of the Thames. While Mole and Rat are content to go out in a row boat or travel the roads in a caravan, Toad prefers the excitement of motor cars. He's already wrecked seven! While his friends try to keep him out of trouble, his passion for cars eventually results in his being caught and kept prisoner in the remotest dungeon of the best-guarded castle in all the land. Somehow, he has to escape and get home but what will he find when he gets there? *The Wind in the Willows* is a book for those "who keep the spirit of youth alive in them; of life, sunshine, running water, woodlands, dusty roads, winter firesides." So, wrote Kenneth Grahame of his timeless tale of Rat, Mole, Badger, and Toad.

This book uses a powerful mnemonic technique, the keyword method, to lock 1413 SAT and GRE words into the reader's memory quickly and easily. Dramatic improvements can be made in vocabulary size, reading comprehension, and scores on verbal exams. Since standard intelligence tests have significant verbal components, a major increase in vocabulary such as can be facilitated by this book should increase IQ scores. Here's how it works: Take the word DEFENESTRATE, which means to throw out of a window. This word is too limited in use to be in the book, but we want to demonstrate the method by having you actually learn a new word. The next time you encounter DEFENESTRATE, think DEFEND THE STREET. That's called the "key." Now, to "link" the key to the definition, imagine your town invaded by enemy troops, and citizens defending the streets by throwing objects out of the windows at them. So, in the format of *Build Your Vocabulary Skills!*, we have the following: DEFENESTRATE (duh FEN es trate) to throw out of a window KEY: DEFEND THE STREET LINK SENTENCE: The townfolk defended their streets against the inemy invaders by throwing things out ot the windows at them. Now, answer the following without looking at the above: DEFENESTRATE What is the KEY? What is the LINK SENTENCE? So, what does DEFENESTRATE mean? Drill yourself on this a couple of times and you'll never forget it. We have no suggestions as to how you could work this word into a conversation, but *Build Your Vocabulary Skills!* has over 1400 more useful words, each with pronunciation, definition, dey and links, so don't defenestrate this book on that account.

Teachers are obsessed with telling you what to learn. The problem is, nobody teaches you how to learn. This is all about to change. In his new book, *How To English*, Adam David Broughton shares a revolutionary and powerful system that teaches you exactly how to make incredible progress in all aspects of English. In *How To English*, you will learn 62 practical techniques to become an independent learner in 31 days, and everything you will ever need to get the level you've always wanted in English and enjoy the process. How to master English fluency How to listen perfectly in English How to stop making mistakes in English How to improve your pronunciation How to expand your vocabulary in English How to have perfect English grammar How to stay motivated, be disciplined and create a habit ...and 55 other amazing techniques. Everyone knows that it's not what you do in class that determines your progress in English, it's what you do when you are not in class. However, English learners often don't know what to do. As a result, at some point, every English learner stops making progress. Then they get frustrated. *How To English* is the antidote to this frustration. When you learn how to learn English, you never need to worry about what you learn in English.

A startling and profound exploration of how Jewish history is exploited to comfort the living. Renowned and beloved as a prizewinning novelist, Dara Horn has also been publishing penetrating essays since she was a teenager. Often asked by major publications to write on subjects related to Jewish culture—and increasingly in response to a recent wave of deadly antisemitic attacks—Horn was troubled to realize what all of these assignments had in common: she was being asked to write about dead Jews, never about living ones. In these essays, Horn reflects on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the mythology that Jewish family names were changed at Ellis Island, the blockbuster traveling exhibition *Auschwitz*, the marketing of the Jewish history of Harbin, China, and the little-known life of the "righteous Gentile" Varian Fry. Throughout, she challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, and so little respect for Jewish lives unfolding in the present. Horn draws upon her travels, her research, and also her own family life—trying to explain Shakespeare's *Shylock* to a curious ten-year-old, her anger when swastikas are drawn on desks in her children's school, the profound perspective offered by traditional religious practice and study—to assert the vitality, complexity, and depth of Jewish life against an antisemitism that, far from being disarmed by the mantra of "Never forget," is on the rise. As Horn explores the (not so) shocking attacks on the American Jewish community in recent years, she reveals the subtler dehumanization built into the public piety that surrounds the Jewish past—making the radical argument that the benign reverence we give to past horrors is itself a profound affront to human dignity.

Elevate your vocabulary in just thirty days with this informative, fun, and accessible guide to utilizing powerful language. Do you occasionally misuse or misunderstand certain words? Do you sometimes find yourself at a loss to express exactly what you mean? Are you tired of having people seemingly talk “above” you? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then *30 Days to a More Powerful Vocabulary* is the perfect solution. Millions of people have improved their academic performance, job skills, and self-esteem just by spending fifteen minutes a day completing the simple exercises and self-tests within this bestselling guide. You will learn, step-by-step, how to increase your language power with word roots, find persuasive words to sell your ideas, and learn new words daily with a full pronunciation key. Whether you’re a student or simply wanting to expand your vocabulary, you can enjoy a more intimate comprehension of the English language in just one month!

Robert Heinlein's Hugo Award-winning all-time masterpiece, the brilliant novel that grew from a cult favorite to a bestseller to a science fiction classic. Raised by Martians on Mars, Valentine Michael Smith is a human who has never seen another member of his species. Sent to Earth, he is a stranger who must learn what it is to be a man. But his own beliefs and his powers far exceed the limits of humankind, and as he teaches them about grokking and water-sharing, he also inspires a transformation that will alter Earth’s inhabitants forever...

Names of objects and accompanying illustrations are grouped by topic, such as color words, toy words, animal words, tool words, etc.

Vocabulary represents one of the essential skills necessary for teaching and learning a foreign language. It is the basis for developing all the other skills: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking, writing, spelling, and pronunciation. Vocabulary is the primary tool for the students in their attempt to use English effectively. When confronted with a native English speaker, when watching a movie without subtitles or when listening to a favorite English song, when reading a text, or when writing a letter to a friend, students will always need to operate with words. This book is a great educational learning tool for your kids to play games and learn new essential words simultaneously. You can see your child's reading improvement!

Building on Michael Graves's bestseller, *The Vocabulary Book*, this new resource offers a comprehensive plan for vocabulary instruction that K–12 teachers can use with English language learners. It is broad enough to include instruction for students who are just beginning to build their English vocabularies, as well as for students whose English vocabularies are approaching those of native speakers. The authors describe a four-pronged program that follows these key components: providing rich and varied language experiences; teaching individual words; teaching word learning strategies; and fostering word consciousness. This user-friendly book integrates up-to-date research on best practices into each chapter and includes vignettes, classroom activities, sample lessons, a list of children's literature, and more.

A special fiftieth anniversary edition of Kurt Vonnegut’s masterpiece, “a desperate, painfully honest attempt to confront the monstrous crimes of the twentieth century” (Time), featuring a new introduction by Kevin Powers, author of the National Book Award finalist *The Yellow Birds* Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all time *Slaughterhouse-Five*, an American classic, is one of the world’s great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of Billy Pilgrim, a barber’s son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee. As Vonnegut had, Billy experiences the destruction of Dresden as a POW. Unlike Vonnegut, he experiences time travel, or coming “unstuck in time.” An instant bestseller, *Slaughterhouse-Five* made Kurt Vonnegut a cult hero in American literature, a reputation that only strengthened over time, despite his being banned and censored by some libraries and schools for content and language. But it was precisely those elements of Vonnegut’s writing—the political edginess, the genre-bending inventiveness, the frank violence, the transgressive wit—that have inspired generations of readers not just to look differently at the world around them but to find the confidence to say something about it. Authors as wide-ranging as Norman Mailer, John Irving, Michael Crichton, Tim O’Brien, Margaret Atwood, Elizabeth Strout, David Sedaris, Jennifer Egan, and J. K. Rowling have all found inspiration in Vonnegut’s words. Jonathan Safran Foer has described Vonnegut as “the kind of writer who made people—young people especially—want to write.” George Saunders has declared Vonnegut to be “the great, urgent, passionate American writer of our century, who offers us . . . a model of the kind of compassionate thinking that might yet save us from ourselves.” Fifty years after its initial publication at the height of the Vietnam War, Vonnegut's portrayal of political disillusionment, PTSD, and postwar anxiety feels as relevant, darkly humorous, and profoundly affecting as ever, an enduring beacon through our own era’s uncertainties. “Poignant and hilarious, threaded with compassion and, behind everything, the cataract of a thundering moral statement.”—The Boston Globe

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